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**I. HEADINGS**

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POLREP 1 - Initial (Removal - Funded)

Start Date: June 8, 2000

**II. BACKGROUND**

Site No:	B5H9
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Response Authority:	CERCLA
State Notification:	Ohio EPA
Completion Date:	TBD
Latitude:	41°01'07.00" N
Longitude:	81°33'02.30" W
CERCLA Incident Category:	Fund Lead - Removal Action

**III. SITE INFORMATION**

A. Incident Category: Fund Lead - Removal Action

B. Site Description

**1. Site location and background**

The Buckley Towing (BT) site is located at 2977 Manchester Road, Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio 44319. The site is a vacant lot on which the former property owner operated a junk yard since the

1940s. The site is located in a residential area south of Akron. The property is bordered to the west by Manchester Road, to the north, south, and east by residential properties. Long Lake is located approximately 1,000 feet north and east of the site. The property encompasses approximately 1 acre.

The site is fenced with a 4.5 foot chain-link fence. There is no security at the site. No permanent structures exist at the site.

Coventry Township has been in litigation with the property owner to remove junk automobiles, tires, parts, and miscellaneous junk from the site for nearly 4 years. Summit County Common Pleas Court issued an Agreed Judgement Entry permitting the Township to undertake cleanup actions on the property. Coventry Township obtained a \$75,000 grant from the Summit County Solid Waste Management Authority to remove and dispose of solid waste. The township completed its cleanup efforts late in November 1999. The grant authorized the cleanup of solid waste but not hazardous wastes found on the site. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requested U.S. EPA's assistance with a removal action at the site.

The Ohio EPA conducted a site assessment and collected samples on January 19, 2000. Twenty-six 55-gallon drums and 10 smaller containers were discovered and inventoried by the Ohio EPA. Eleven of the drums were sampled. Flame Ionization Detector (FID) and Photo Ionization Detection readings indicated that the many of the drums on the site exhibited combustible characteristics. In addition to the containers, Ohio EPA sampled 2 residential wells and 2 wells on the Buckley property.

On March 13, 2000, the U.S. EPA conducted a site assessment at the property. During the assessment, the U.S. EPA observed numerous drums and small containers of hazardous substances on the property. All of the drums were in poor condition and may have been leaking.

## 2. Description of Threats

Analytical results obtained by Ohio EPA confirmed that several of the drums contained materials that exhibited flash points of  $\leq 72^{\circ}\text{F}$  and exceeded regulatory limits for TCLP Lead and Mercury. In addition, all of the drums showed signs of deterioration and none of the drums or small containers bore labels indicating the identity of their contents.

## **IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION**

### **A. Situation**

#### 1. Current situation

On June 14, 2000, U.S. EPA, START, and ERRS contractor, Ferguson Harbor, mobilized to site to begin removal activities at the BT site.

#### 2. Removal Actions to date:

On June 8, 2000, U.S. EPA, START, and ERRS met at the BT site to conduct site reconnaissance.

On June 14, 2000, ERRS mobilized personnel and equipment to the BT site. ERRS established a bulking/over-packing area and a final staging area. In addition, ERRS over-packed and staged the 11 drums previously sampled by the Ohio EPA. ERRS then conducted air monitoring of the drums which had not been previously sampled. These drums were then transported to the bulking/over-packing area. Four of the

drums were over-packed and 11 of the drums were bulked into three drums. The seven unsampled drums were transferred to the staging area and disposal samples were collected from each drum. The 10 small containers were bulked and transferred to the staging area. START conducted air monitoring during all site activities. ERRS secured the site and demobilized all personnel and equipment from the site. ERRS will mobilize to the site in the future to transport all materials off site for final disposal.

#### B. Next Steps

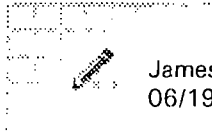
- Transportation of the 19 staged drums off site for final disposal.
- Arrange disposal of empty drum and small container carcasses from bulking operations

#### C. Key Issues

- Ohio EPA's Preremedial Site Assessment Group is scheduling a site assessment to investigate potential soil and groundwater contamination at the BT site.

#### V. Cost Information

Not yet available.



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